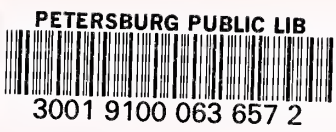
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Mr. Hatcher S. Seward, Chairman of High School Committee.

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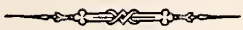

To Mr. Hatcher S. Seward, Chairman of the High School Committee of the Petersburg School Board, to whose earnest and unfailing efforts we are largely indebted for the realization of our dreams of a new High School, we, the students of the Petersburg High School, dedicate this issue of "The Missile."

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Foreword.

AT LAST one of our greatest dreams has come true. Many years we have longed for this new building. After being once aroused, the School Board was very generous. We have now one of the finest and best equipped schools in the State. To celebrate this realization of our dreams, we are devoting this issue of "THE MISSILE" entirely to the new High School. It is the first "Feature Issue" of our magazine and we hope that its success will

be measured by the effort and work put on it. Only two issues are being published this term, the double time being used in the preparation of this issue.

All the departments have been done away with, except the Athletics and Alumni. Every part of the school, the exterior and interior, has been described; all the school activities and courses of study have been thoroughly discussed; a general survey of all the athletics of the year has been made; in fact, we hope we have left nothing unsaid about the new building and what goes on in it. In the Alumni Notes we have attempted to tell of the great and "near-great" graduates of the past thirty years.

All the literary work in this issue was done by the IVA English class, together with the MISSILE staff. We are indebted to the School Board for the beautiful photographs of the school. A. G.

Spirit in the High School.

Greater Spririt has been exhibited this year in the Petersburg High School than at any previous time in the history of the institution. The cause of this, no doubt, is the fact that the students are waking up more and more to the modern advantages of public education, and are taking advantage of these as often as possible.

The greatest of these is probably the vivid interest shown in athletics this year. The membership of the Athletic Association is probably double in number that of any preceding year, and the majority of the students are willing to give their fifty cents in order to show the school teams that they are behind them. All of the Ath-

letic games have been largely attended, especially the basket-ball games, which have been a source of income to the Association.

"THE MISSILE" is better, larger, and more efficient this year than at any previous time. More copies have been printed this year than ever before. All this is due to the splendid co-operation of the students of the school with the staffs.

Another feature that has created lively interest among the boys is the military training, and, erect in their olive-drab uniforms, each one is striving hard to make himself a second George Washington.

From among the students a High School Orchestra has been formed, and, under the direction of Miss Sara Taylor, it hopes soon to rival any orchestra of its class in the State. It has already played at several functions in the city.

The students have also shown their interest in the Literary Societies. Although late in starting, the students have done their best to make them successful in every way.

S. R.

Mr. Hatcher Seward's Part in Securing the New High School.

From the first Mr. Seward has been the avowed champion of the New High School. When the matter first came up in the School Board and an appropriation was asked for, it was largely due to his influence with the Council that it was granted. Then arose the question of plans and contracts for this building, which the far-sighted men on the School Board wished to make a mon-

F. M. Martin, Supt. of Schools.

ument to the city. In this work Mr. Seward was untiring in his efiorts to make this the most complete modern building of its kind in the State. On account of his business ability Mr. Seward was appointed Chairman of the Construction Committee and has personally supervised and audited all expenditures. In a recent interview Superintendent Martin stated that undoubtedly more credit was due to Mr. Seward than to any man on the School Board for this beautiful school, which is virtually the realization of the dream which he has had ever since he has been on the board.

Superintendent Martin and the New High School.

"I hope that I have been the moving spirit in securing the new High School" said Mr. Martin when he was interviewed by a representative of the "MISSILE" concerning that matter. Other than this Mr. Martin would say but very little about his part in securing the High School.

The year that Mr. Martin became Superintendent of the public schools of Petersburg, the city ranked seventh in the standing column of the schools of Virginia; now the Petersburg schools rank second. This alone shows that Mr. Martin deserves a lot of credit for the success of the local schools.

Ever since Mr. Martin took charge he worked for the new High School until the magnificent building which we now have was erected.

For a long time Mr. Martin was put off by the Council until a better time to appropriate the money for a new building, but this did not discourage him; he waited for a

favorable time and then brought the matter up before the School Board and Council.

The time to make the effort for the new building was indeed well chosen because of the great amount of educational work which was being done at that time. The people of Petersburg were very much interested in the High School at that time and expected the Council to appropriate the necessary money to build the school. Striking while the iron was hot, Mr. Martin, working together with Mr. Hatcher Seward, brought the matter befor the Council, and then were able to secure the money without very much difficulty.

We are also indebted to Mr. Martin for the plan and equipment of the new building. He and Mr. Wolff had studied together the needs of the school, and when the opportunity came they were prepared to put forward their plan.

The building stands to-day the embodiment of the ideas and plans that had been worked out before, and it was equipped to serve the purposes that it was intended to serve.

Mr. Martin has our sincere thanks for the important part he played in securing for us this beautiful building. Mr. Wolff and Mr. Hatcher Seward are also sharers of our gratitude for the work.

The School Board Room.

Mr. J. R. W. Smith, President of the School Board.

The School Board and the New School.

The Petersburg School Board for a number of years has seen the necessity of a new building. At first the old one became too crowded and also was not heated properly. So they divided the basement up into class rooms. Even this did not relieve the situation. So in the fall of 1916 the School Board got an estimate for a new heating plant. This plant would cost $5,000 and no part of it could be used when a new building was begun. The board went before the City Council and got an appropriation of $200,000 dollars, one hundred and forty for a new high school and sixty thousand for grammar schools. They then advertised for architects' plans in the State of Virginia and finally accepted one drawn by the firm of Ferguson, Caldrow & Reid, of Norfolk. They then asked for bids from the contractors and accepted the one of Harwood & Moss, of Newport News, which was for one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, ten more than the appropriation. So they then went before the Council and had eleven thousand dollars taken from the grammer school fund and added to the High School. The High School was then started. When it was nearly finished, the board again went before the council and got an appropriation of twenty thousand dollars for furnishing it. When it was finally finished in 1919, it had cost about one hundred and seventy-one thousand dollars. This building is one of the biggest and best in the State of Virginia.

Superintendent Martin's Comment on the School.

The new Petersburg High School, when all of the plans shall have matured, will be one of the most attractive and complete school buildings in this section of the country. The grounds, with a frontage of nearly six hundred feet on one of the principal streets in the city, offer by their scope and topography excellent opportunity for beautiful parking. When the project, now on foot, of adding several acres to the rear of the building for a public recreation and athletic ground is completed, there will be provided perhaps the most actractive and most complete setting for a High School in the State of Virginia.

The building itself presents from the exterior a unique and monumental architectural appearance. The commanding exterior attracts and holds the attention of the passer-by.

In arrangement, from an administrative standpoint and from that of provisions made for the various departments of modern High School education, the building is equipped attractively on the interior. Among the principal features of the interior of the building are a spacious and unusually beautiful Auditorium so situated that it can be used freely as a civic center either day or night without entering the corridors of the building; a very large and splendidly equipped Gymnasium; two commodious Study Halls, one serving as a combination Study Hall, Library, Reading Room, and Social Room; a suite of well equipped rooms set apart for commercial education; 5 rooms with modern appointments providing for science teaching; adequate provision for industrial education for girls,

H. D. Wolff, Principal of High School.

industrial education for boys; a caterer's kitchen, lunch room, shower baths, dressing rooms, locker rooms, etc.

On the whole the building, though small, being designed to accommodate only about nine hundred High School students, is both beautiful and serviceable.

A Word from the Principal.

During the entire eleven years that I have been connected with the Petersburg High School we have been planning for, and looking forward to, the time when we should have a building adequately suited to our needs. In the old building down on Union street, each term would see us subdividing some of the rooms in order to make additional class rooms, until in 1911 we moved into the old Anderson School as temporary quarters until the time was ripe for building. Although this was a much larger building than the one we had left, it was not long before we again had to devise ways and means for securing additional class rooms.

The present building, therefore, is the direct outcome of these years of planning and waiting, and I cannot see how it could be more ideally adapted to our needs than it is; certain it is that, if the Petersburg High School does not turn out efficient and well-trained young men and young ladies, it will not be for lack of material facilities or equipment. But the building does not make the school, and our aim is to make the quality of the work done and the products turned out superior in their way to the magnificent building from which they graduate.

An Historical Sketch

OF THE PETERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL.

The first step towards the establishment of a public school system in Petersburg was in 1812, when Mr. David Anderson died. In his will he left money to be used for education of poor children in Petersburg. This school was not established till 1826. From that time the movement for free education progressed rapidly.

It was then found necessary to give the children an opportunity to prepare themselves for college. Accordingly our first High School was opened on Union street, opposite the post office, with an enrollment of sixty-five pupils and two teachers.

Prof. S. H. Owens was appointed on May 31, 1871, as our first Superintendent of Schools. Enrollment increased yearly. New subjects were introduced. Bookkeeping was put into the High School curriculum and more attention was given to the sciences—chemistry, natural philosophy, and physiology—although there was a want of suitable apparatus. Later on music and freehand drawing were placed among the list of studies.

Superintendent R. R. Jones, who succeeded Dr. D. M. Brown in 1907, did a great deal for our schools. One of the biggest was starting a movement for relief of the sitation among the colored schools. But the thing that we of the High School remember him most for was starting to wake our city fathers up to the fact that we needed a new building. The High School had been moved from Union street to the Anderson building on Washington street. It is true this was a great help, but by 1912 it was

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7. Mrs. Carrie M. Baskerville, Head of Domestic Science Department

1. Miss Anne Boillin, Physical Training Department
2. Miss Alice L Grubbs, 7th Grade Geography
3. Miss Hattie Thomas, 7th Grade Mathematics
4. James F. Chadwick, Physical Training Department
5. Miss Maggie S Painter, 7th Grade History
6. Miss Elizabeth Drewry, A. B., 7th Grade English
7. Miss Lena M. Painter, 7th Grade English

seen that the building was entirely too small and very poorly heated and equipped.

Mr. Jones was obliged to leave Petersburg in 1913, so the city secured Mr. F. M. Martin, who is still our Superintendent. Mr. Martin has pushed forward the work started by Mr. Jones, and has gone much farther. He kept on after the Council till in 1916 they appropriated $140,000 for a new High School.

Work was begun the same year. The school is completed now, and stands as one of the largest, prettiest, and best equipped high schools in the State.

Many new features have been added to the course of study as time went on. Now we have complete courses for any kind of life a child wants to prepare himself for. The last subjects added to the curriculum are cooking, sewing, manual training, vocal training, gymnasium, and military drill. The Petersburg High School is keeping pace with the times in every way.

The Exterior of the High School.

One of the handsomest school buildings in the South is our own Petersburg High School. It is built of beautiful white brick and is four stories high. The building is composed of the two wings one either side of the large circular front. A large flight of steps leads from the front of the building up both sides of the auditorium into the school and auditorium, and over these entrances an large white slabs with Petersburg High School carved on them. The circular front has many windows in it which add much to the attractiveness of the building. The yards

are in a very bad condition, but it is hoped to have soon a beautiful campus, which will add much to the appearance of the school.

The Interior Arrangement.

The New High School is not only modernly equipped but also most conveniently arranged on the interior. The stairs go up in the wings of the building from the basement. These two wings are connected, on each of the three floors, by a long hall. The wings are entirely given up to class rooms, while the halls, which face the north with large windows, contain on the south side many necessary rooms, besides the cloak rooms and water fountains. In the basement are the domestic science rooms, the book store, the girls' sewing room, and the boys' manual training room. The "gym." is in the center of the basement, and there are several rooms unused at present. On the first floor, besides the class rooms, are both the principal's and the superintendent's offices; also the faculty room, the School Board's room and a large study hall for the first and second year classes. On the second floor are the ladies' and gentlemen's rest room, the dental room, the library, and a study hall for the third and fourth year classes. The museum, the laboratory, and science department are on the third floor. Every room is of course numbered, so there is no difficulty or confusion among the pupils. The main entrances to the auditorium are on the first floor, while the entrances to the balcony are on the second floor. The auditorium is also entered from the outside by large double doors.

One of the Corridors.

The Superintendent's Waiting Room.

From the sides of the stage, small flights of steps go up to it; however, they are concealed from the sight of the audience. The whole plan and arrangement was well conceived and carried out.

Interior Decorations.

Everything possible is being done to beautify the school, and extensive improvements have been made in the interior of the building. The walls have been painted a light buff color which greatly improves them.

Pictures contribute much to the decoration of the school. In the hall of the first floor are beautiful pictures of the University of Virginia, Westminster Abbey, Sir Galahad, The Coliseum, Washington and Lee University, and others. On the second floor the two most interesting pictures are Anne Hathaway's Cottage and Stratford-on-Avon.

Everybody enjoys living, growing things in the house, and the pupils of this school seem to look upon it as a privilege to make some contribution to the brightness of the school, usually with flowers.

This furnishes a very cheerful atmosphere. A bust of Shakespeare is one of the most prominent adornments of the Auditorium.

The Offices.

There are only two offices in the High School. The Principal's office is situated at the east entrance and the Superintendent's office is at the west end. Each of these offices is divided into two parts, the first part a waiting room, and the second the main office with all modern office equipment. The Superintendent's office is next to the School Board room.

The Auditorium.

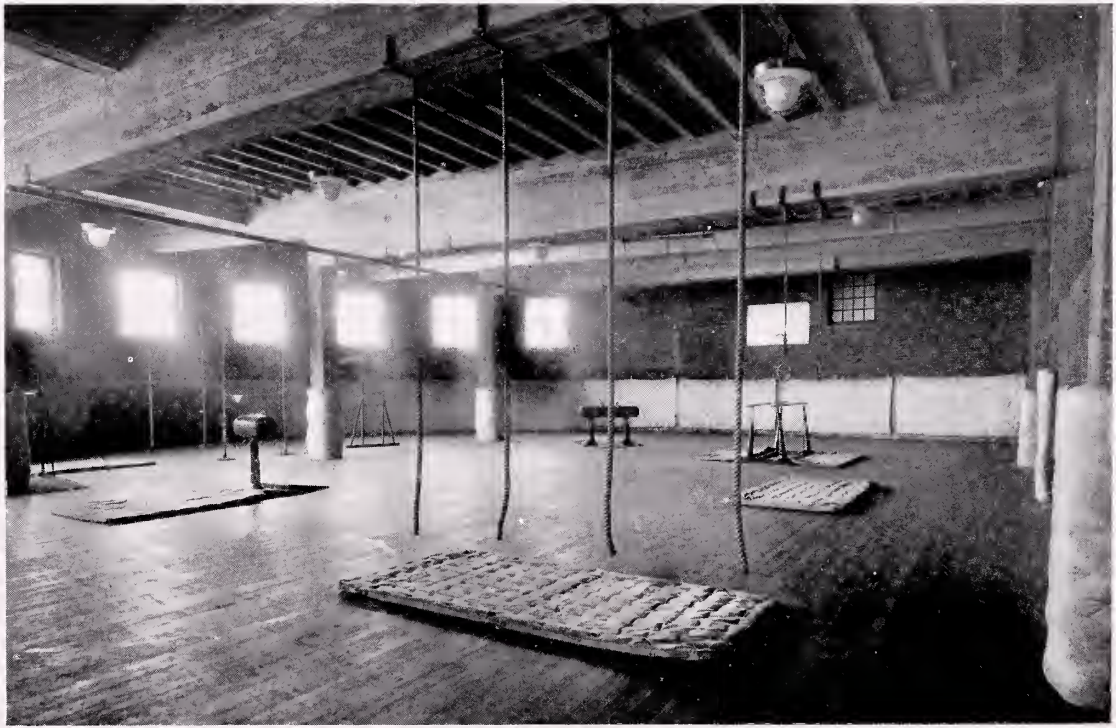
The Auditorium of the Petersburg High School is very beautiful. It is located in the front of the building and is semi-circular in shape. The auditorium is separated from the school so that the public can have entertainments of all kinds during school hours and not bother the school work in any way. The platform is very large and spacious, and on either side of it are nice dressing rooms. The room is very light, the walls being a pure white and the many windows furnishing much light to the room. There is also a balcony around the room which has a large seating capacity. The auditorium has two large entrances, one on either side of the room. The seating capacity is 1100 persons.

The public should appreciate this auditorium very much as it is the largest one in the city and it is at the service of the public.

The Gymnasium.

The New Gymnasium of the School, which has just recently been finished, is one of the most up-to-date gymnasiums in the South. No expense has been spared to secure for the pupils the best apparatus possible. The gymnasium is in the basement of the school — directly under the auditorium — and is very spacious. It has two entraces, from the east side of the school and the other from the west. At night the gymnasium is brilliantly lighted by twelve large elective lights, arranged in four rows of three lights to each row. There are nine windows, permitting plenty of fresh air to be

The Auditorium.



Gymnasium.

had in the gymnasium when wanted; all these windows face Washington street. Over towards the left of the gymnasium there has been built a large gallery with a railing and seats, so as to give the spectators a comfortable place from which they may view the different athletic activities of the school.

The apparatus is very complete and consists of the following pieces: one set of ropes, one set of traveling rings, one set of flying rings, one horizontal bar, one pair of parallel bars, two sets of jumping standards, one climbing ladder, two bucks, two take-off boards, eight mats of different sizes, a large number of wands, Dumbbells, Indian clubs, etc., two basket balls, two indoor base balls, and a bat. The regulation basket ball court is marked off on the floor, and also the regulation indoor base-ball diamond. There is also a piano that is used by the girls in their drills. In the room adjoining the gymnasium may be found about ten shower baths with hot and cold water for the convenience of the students after having engaged in work in the gymnasium.

The School Library.

The library of the Petersburg High School is one of the most up-to-date school libraries in the State of Virginia. The library is now, and has been for the past two years, under the supervision of Miss Sallie Robertson, formerly a member of the faculty of the school. The library has been kept up by contributions from the School Board, friends of the school, and by the pupils

themselves. At present there are approximately fifteen hundred books in the library. The books are lent out to the students with the understanding that they must be returned within two weeks' time; if not returned then, a fine of one cent each day for every day that the book is kept out over the allotted time is imposed upon the pupil. Up to the present time, since Miss Robertson has had charge of the library, a total of $14.13 has been collected in fines, which sum will be used for the purchase of new books. The library has two sets of the works of Charles Dickens and complete sets of the works of the following writers: Nathaniel Hawthorne, Washington Irving, Rudyard Kipling, Thackeray, Mark Twain, Robert Louis Stevenson, and William Shakespeare. It has a partial set of the works of George Eliot. The library was very fortunate in securing a complete set of Harvard Classics, consisting of fifty volumes, and also a complete set of the Book of Knowledge, consisting of twenty volumes. Along with these various classics there may be found a set of the World's Classics, all of Macaulay's Essays, Ridpath's History of the World's People, and also his History of the World, and a set of the Books of History. The Juvenile Department of the library, kept up by the students, is composed mostly of books of light reading. The English Department of the school has a special section of the library set aside for the books which the students are required to read and make reports on.

On the magazine table may be found most of the popular magazines of the day: The Literary Digest, Popular Mechanics, The Scientific American, The National Geographic Magazine, Harper's, Scribner's, Century, The

The Library and Study Hall.

Lower Study Hall.

Independent, the Youth's Companion, and the various exchange magazines from other schools. Taken as a whole, the library is very complete.

The Lunchrooms.

When the new High School was designed, two rooms were reserved in the basement for lunchrooms in which to serve hot lunches at recess to the pupils. Bids for such equipment as gas ranges, hot-plates, and the like have been received, but the School Board decided to wait until summer for the arrangement of these rooms. It has not been decided yet whether tables and chairs or a counter with stools will be adopted for the lunchrooms. It is planned to operate these rooms solely for the benefit of the pupils, and prices will be on a scale which will only serve to defray expenses.

The Heating Plant.

The Heating Plant of the new building is of the most up-to-date type. It consists of eight furnaces of the hot air type of the American Heating and Ventilating Co. This system ventilates as well as heats the entire building. The air is drawn from above the roof where it is free from impurities and heated in a chamber and is then driven by fans to the rooms. Each room has its separate heat duct and ventilator. This system never robs the air of its moisture, and keeps the air in circulation changing the air in every room every six to eight minutes. The uniformity of temperature is secured by

the Johnson Automatic heat control system. The thermometer in each room is connected with a valve in the heat duct, and when the mercury column rises above a certain height, the hot blast is cut off and the cold air admitted, thus keeping a uniform temperature throughout the day.

The Bookstore.

A new and very important feature of the school this term is the Bookstore. This is a great advantage to the pupils. Before this time the pupils had great difculty in getting their books, especially at the beginning of the terms. There were so many children to get books at one time that the pupils were kept waiting for many hours, which was most inconvenient. This difficulty has been overcome, for it is now arranged so that each class is given a certain time in which to buy their books, and thus the rush is avoided. Then, too, it often happened that the bookstores out in the town did not have the books in stock that were needed by the pupils; and thus much time was lost. Now, however, the pupils are able to get the books they need at once. The advantages derived from the bookstore in the school are numerous.

The Plan for Future Extension.

A plan is now being considered for future extension of the High School grounds. This plan covers playgrounds, park, athletic field, running track, and tennis courts. The plan is to buy all the property stretching from the back yards of the houses on Guarantee street to the back yards on Pine street and from Wash-

The Chemical Laboratory.

The Physical Laboratory.

ington street to Lawrence street. The plan proposes to cover the stream and level the ground in terraces. On Washington street will be the park. Up near the back yards on Guarantee street will be the tennis courts, and the rest will be devoted to the athletic field. Around this will be a cinder running-track and in the middle a grid-iron and diamond. Also on Lawrence street will be erected a small concrete grand-stand. In this plan there will be also a place for the small children to play. The plan now is to try to get some one to donate the grounds to the city as a memorial.

The Curriculum.

The Petersburg High School has endeavored to meet the necessary demands of all classes of students who attend the High School. There are five different courses offered to the pupils—the English, Collegiate, Industrial, Scientific, and Commercial. The English course gives almost every subject which is necessary to a girl or boy who desires a general education and who is now preparing for college. The Collegiate course, which prepares a student for college, is very beneficial, as it covers a very wide range. The Scientific course also fits students for college, those who wish to specialize in scientific work. The Industrial course includes domestic science, sewing, manual training, pipe fitting, etc., and requires ten hours a week. The Commercial course, for those who wish to become business men and women, is a good one, and many prominent business men and girls of Petersburg have taken this course and have made a success.

The Science Department.

The Science department consists of the departments of Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. The five rooms used for these departments are situated in the central portion of the building on the third floor.

The science lecture room has a demonstration table, well equipped with apparatus and material for the three departments. The tier arrangement of the seats enables the students to see everything clearly that happens on the demonstration table; also, it has a sky-light which furnishes the best light that can be had. The room is a very modern one in every way.

The biology laboratory is well equipped. Besides the regular material it has a skeleton,, which very few high schools have. In connection with biology, the students are working up a museum, one of the long-felt wants of Petersburg. Great progress has been made along this line and the people outside of the school should encourage this movement. Among the number of collections which have already been made are shells from the coast of Virginia, insects (local), collection of bird eggs (local), nests, minerals and fossils—the latter being from Virginia—arctic poppy-cocoanuts, brazil nuts, nutmegs, Henry Clay's hat box, nails brought from England in 1620, relics of the battle of the Crater, shark's teeth, mastadon tooth, and a very unique quill cutter. In a short time it is hoped that the museum will possess of many more articles of interest.

The chemistry laboratory has modern equipment above that of the average high school. The students' desks are fitted with lockers and drawers—reagents and all other

The Science Lecture Room.

The Biology Laboratory.

material and apparatus are included in the desk equipment, also gas and water fixtures. Everything that is necessary to give students a good working knowledge of chemistry is at hand.

Then the physics laboratory. This is equipped with necessary apparatus, better than many colleges. An electrical table and switch have been installed. This enables a student to get a first hand working knowledge of electricity. There is also a moving picture machine and lanterns to illustrate the work. These, together with charts, models, and other demonstration apparatus, make it one of the most interesting places conceivable.

The aim of each department is to give the students the best general idea and working knowledge of the subject possible.

The Business Department.

The Business Department is now equipped to give the student the best education possible to fit him for a position in the business world. Although there are 110 pupils taking this course, this is the smallest enrollment within the past four years.

Miss N. H. Leftwitch is the head of the department, and teaches the bookkeeping and stenography. Neal and Cragin's Modern Illistrated Bookkeeping and J. G. Cross' Electric Shorthand are used in these departments, and the results obtained are sufficient proof of their thoroughness. Some handsome banking fixtures have been installed in connection with the bookkeeping department which will not only assist in bookkeeping, but will also give the students a practical knowledge of banking.

Miss Blanche Cousar is in charge of the typewriting. This department has about 20 Underwood and Remington typewriters. Degin's Touch System has recently been introduced into this department and has proved more satisfactory than any previously tried. Certificates, medals, and other prizes are offered for speed and accuracy.

The Industrial Arts Department.

The Industrial Arts Department has developed very rapidly in the last few years in the High School. This year it is offering a more elaborate and complete course than ever before. The boys have all taken a great deal of interest in the work, and are turning out some very good products. With the introduction of mechanical drawing, lathe work, the history of industry, and household construction, we all have cause to be proud of this department.

The general scope of work, as it is studied this year, is a study of tools, their construction, adjustment and use, the growth, variety, markings, use, and milling of trees, the methods of preparing lumber for cabinet and general use, shop work, where the methods of tool use and adjustment are put into practice, wood lathe turning and designing, machine adjustment and use, cabinet making, household construction and repairing, and geometrical and mechanical drawing.

The department has a splendid equipment of the most modern and up-to-date tools. There is a drawing room, which is equipped with drawing tables, desks, boards, etc. Another feature of the department is its work-shop which consists of eighteen modern work benches, each equip-

Bookkeeping Department.

The Typewriting Room.

Manual Training Machine Room

Manual Training Bench Room.

ped with a saw, hammer, plane, rule, chisel, mallet, try square, marking guage, bench hook, bench stop, and a brush. The machine shop also is very modern, having lathes, a hand saw, a circular saw, an emory wheel, a bench jointer, a large motor, a tool cabinet, which contains all the special tools and wrenches, and a cabinet in which all the models under construction are kept. There are also a store and supply room in which lumber, paints, stains, nails, sand paper, etc., are kept, and the office of the director of this department, Mr. Williamson.

The Domestic Science Department.

The Domestic Science Department is furnished with up-to-date and modern equipment. The room is very well placed in the southwestern part of the building where it can get plenty of fresh air and light. It is filled with individual, white, domestic science desks, which contain all necessary cooking utensils. Also, each has a gas burner and individual oven. There are two supply tables, two sinks, and a large gas stove. Mrs. Baskerville has a large desk and a blackboard for necessary instructions. There is also a large size pantry for the supplies. In connection with the cooking laboratory there is an attractive dining room, which is furnished in oak, with dainty curtains and draperies of blue. The rugs also help to carry out the pretty color scheme of blue and tan. Last, but not least, the china press contains beautiful sets of china and silver. Mrs. Baskerville has so arranged her suite of rooms as to teach the girls not only cooking, but also practical ideas of general housekeeping.

The Domestic Arts Department.

This is the first year that sewing has been taught in the Petersburg High School. Although the classes have worked under a great many disadvantages, great progress has been made under the instruction of Miss Mary Hall. The sewing room is in the basement of the east wing of the school. It is large and well lighted. Six of the new model Singer sewing machines, with chair to each, are on one side of the room. In the wall are sockets for motor attachments for the machines. Of course there is no one sufficiently advanced to use a motor attachment as yet. The teacher's desk is a table in front of the blackboard. Around this table are chairs for the pupils doing hand-sewing. The remainder of the room is filled with cutting-out tables. Two of these are larger than the other four. On this side of the room are sockets for electric irons. There is one in the room now.

The work done so far is very simple. As none of the pupils had any sewing before entering the High School, they have to be taught from the beginning. The first steps are simple stitches in hand-sewing. Then comes the use of the machine and the study of commercial patterns. Only the simplest clothes are being made by the classes this year. The absence of set periods in the regular schedules for sewing makes it very difficult for the teacher. The pupils that take the class come in during their study periods. If they do not happen to have two periods coming together they can accomplish very little, as one period is hardly time enough to get down to real work. It is hoped that the class will be given its proper place on the schedule next year.

The Domestic Science Laboratory.

Domestice Science Dining Room.

As the work continues, Miss Hall hopes to get in dress making and pattern designing and millinery, which really belong in the course. At the end of the season, the department is going to have an exhibition of all the garments made by the pupils and the themes written on various subjects pertaining to sewing.

Military Training.

Though drilling had been practiced before in the High School, it was never made a permanent feature until this year when Mr. J. F. Chadwick was put in charge. The High School Cadets are organized into two divisions, each composed of two companies, named alphabetically Companies A, B, C, and D. There are two captains, Robert Talbot and Robert Frederick, each in command of one division. Under each captain are two first and two second lieutenants. Both divisions drill three-quarters of an hour before school twice a week, the first division on Tuesday and Thursday and the second on Wednesday and Thursday. Rifles have not yet been obtained. The officers are as follows:

COMPANY A.

First Lieutenant—George Gerow.
Second Lieutenant—Keene Clements.
Sergeants—Robert Budd and Macon Shortt.
Corporals—Lee Sager, Eugene Bain, and W. H. Snyder.

COMPANY B.

First Lieutenant—Edward Meakin.
Second Lieutenant—Mitchell Bowman.
Sergeants—Garland Harris, Percy Wingo, John Wood.
Corporals—James Ruffin, William Roper, John Rahily.

COMPANY C.

First Lieutenant—Edward Sager.
Second Lieutenant—Horace Woodhouse.
Sergeants—Allen Keys and Ross Walthall.
Corporals—Williams, C. Cashon, Carl Hardy, C. Munt.

COMPANY D.

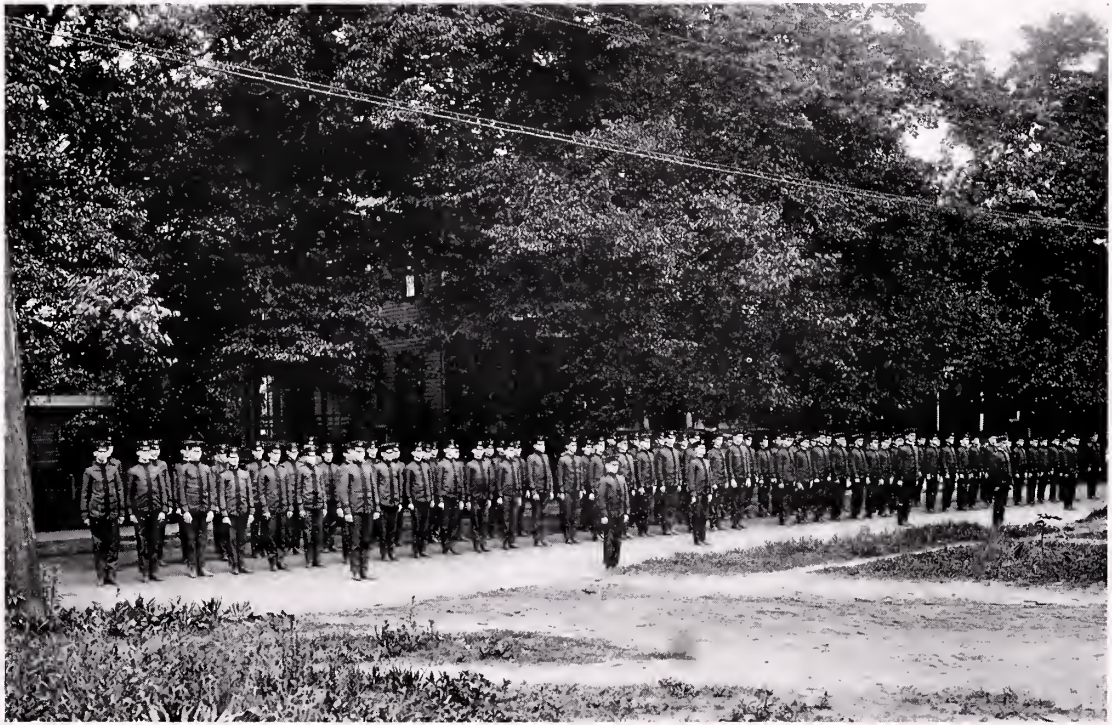
First Lieutenant—Owen Newsom.
Second Lieutenant—Samuel Reinach.
Sergeant—W. Ruffin.
Corporals—W. Ferrell, J. Hargrave, A. Gilliam and L. Ridenour.

Physical Training.

The Physical Training Department of the Petersburg High School, introduced this year for the first time, has been a source of untiring pleasure to the students. Although a small amount of time has been given to the training each week, the directors believe that much good has been accomplished and hope that physical training will be given a primary place in the school work next year. The directors believe that if more time were given to physical training in the High School, athletics of both boys and girls would be greatly promoted.

James F. Chadwick, boys' director, gives instructions to the High School students on Wednesdays and Fridays.

The Domestic Arts Room.



The Cadet Corps.

The boys are put into classes on those days, each class receiving forty-five minutes of instruction. This gives only ninety minutes a week given to the training, and Mr. Chadwick says that he has not been able to accomplish what he would like to, due to this shortness of time. The upper class students have to keep on their street clothes and this does not allow them to do apparatus work, which must be done in "gym" suits. With the lower classes it has been different, because all the boys wore knee-breeches, and this fact gave the lower class boys greater benefit of the training.

The boys' time is devoted to corrective exercises and games. They are pleased with indoor base-ball and it is hoped that some teams will be formed next year. Other games played were stride-ball, dodge-ball, and battle-ball. Physical examinations will be made from May 19 to 24 to determine just how much the boys and girls have been benefitted by the training.

Miss Boillin instructs the girls on Tuesday and Thursday of each week. Miss Boillin says that she is very much pleased with the work that the girls have accomplished during the past year in physical training.

There were two teams formed from the girls' physical training classes, known as the Odds and Evens. These teams fought two hard battles during the basket-ball season which resulted in victory for the Odds. A great many of the third and fourth class girls took the training this year, and since they were not obliged to do so, Miss Boillin was exceedingly pleased in this fact.

The Course in Journalism.

For the past three years the columns of the Petersburg *Index-Appeal* have been open to the High School class in Journalism. This special work is taught in the third year by our English professor, Mr. Miller. This feature has added much to the value of practical English in the school and has proved a great success.

Provisions for the Promotion of Health in the High School.

It is obvious that health is necessary if a child is to develop in a normal way both mentally and morally. Therefore the physical development of a child is the basis of a sound education. If he is backward in his development, professional help is needed to discover the reason and to apply the remedy.

Therefore, many facilities have been provided for the promotion of health in the High School. Physical training is taught to both girls and boys, and it may be assured that whatever effort is put forth in this direction will be doubly blessed, because a strong and healthy body is every child's birthright.

Much depends upon the care of the teeth, and many people neglect their teeth because of their financial position. A dental room has been equipped and provided with all the modern implements for the service of the school children. The doctors of dentistry volunteer their services to the school and each of them gives a certain amount of time to the work.

The excellent heating system of the High School keeps all the rooms supplied with fresh air and warm air, and

Medical Inspection Room.

at an even temperature. The foul air is carried off by flues. The windows are large, and the rooms are therefore provided with plenty of light and sunshine.

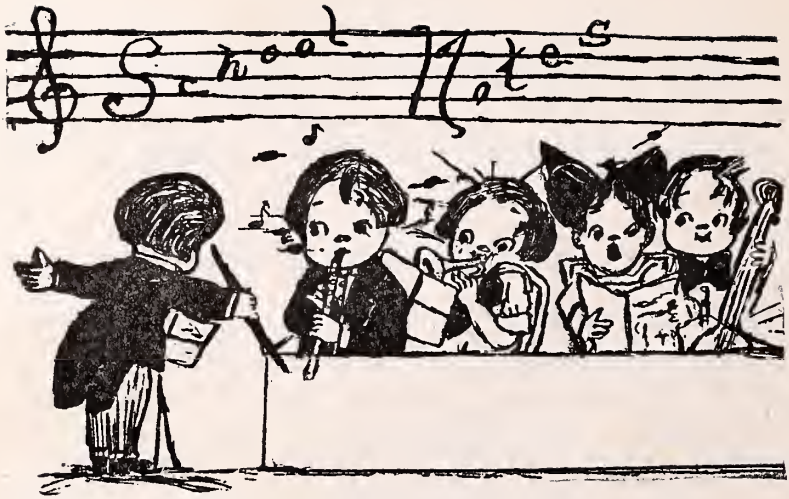
Prizes Given in The P. H. S.

The June class in 1916 left $50 to promote the literary activities of the school, with the provision that $5 be given every session for ten years, for the best debater in the societies. The judges must be three students from that class and the Principal of the school. When that money gives out, it can be replaced as the Principal sees fit.

Last year the *Index-Appeal* gave a medal for the best article received from the High School class in Journalism. Miss Florence Roper won this medal.

Several scholarships, including one from the University of Virginia, William and Mary, Hampden-Sidney, Lehigh, Washington and Lee, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, and the Virginia Christian College, are given to the graduates with highest averages every year.

The Honor Graduates of both the June and February classes receive medals.

In the domestic science and business classes, prizes are given in both the June and February classes to the ones with the highest averages.

Since the beginning of the February term, the new auditorium of the P. H. S. has been completed and opened ed to the public. Mrs. Snowden, the well known dramatic reader, and also Dr. McWaters, head of the department of Literature of the American University, have already given delightful entertainments. In addition to these, there have been several musical concerts.

On March 11, the students were assembled for the first time in their new Assembly Hall and since then have regularly assembled there for Monday morning services. Mr. Wolff presented, on behalf of the students, a beautiful Mason-Hamlin piano to the school and the School Board has also bought and presented a moving picture machine.

The new "gym" has been improved greatly by the erection of the large platform at the south end. This has enabled the athletic games to be much more largely attended.

The School Board recently entertained the Rotary Club, who expressed the greatest praise of the new build-

A Classroom.

ing. They also appreciated and enjoyed the beautiful home luncheon, which the Domestic Science girls served in the "gym". During the luncheon, they were entertained by the High School Orchestra, gym feats, and vocal solos. Then they discussed the extension of the school grounds, and several spoke in favor of buying the land back of the school.

Thru the first interrupted term of school, reorganization was not thought of, but now the students have seen their need for their Literary Societies. Hence the societies were reorganized, with the same names: Daniel and Page. However, the program is different; each one meets for about ten minutes for business, and then the two unite in the auditorium for the literary program. The two societies take turns in furnishing the program and even more competition is created in this way.

The Officers are:	Daniel.	Page.
President,	Braxton Woody,	Samuel A. Reinach
V-President,	Anetta Purdy,	Emily Roper.
Treasurer,	Ramsey Leigh,	Agnes Moyler.
Secretary,	Doris Rogers,	Laura Smith.
Marshall,	James Ruffin,	—— ———

Mr. Miller and Mr. Scott are conducting a book store in the basement, which has aided the students a great deal. Miss Walke, of the IV B. bookkeeping class is keeping the business records with the help of Miss Leftwich.

On Friday, March 9, the students assembled in the auditorium and heard a most delightful and appealing address by Dr. Morton, who has seen active service in Serbia, and to express their appreciation, the students

hope to raise enough money to give four beds to the Doctor's new hospital, in the name of the P. H. S. She also wishes to take back her new hospital with her from her native State, Virginia.

The P. H. S. aided in the last Victory Drive and in only one day succeeded in selling about $4,500 worth of bonds.

The seventh grades have been unusually active this year, more than ever before. They organized the plan of going each week to the base hospital, with delicacies for the sick and wounded. Patrons furnished the cars and several trips have been made.

The next plan was to raise money for the piano fund, and this was very successfully carried out in two cake and pie sales, raising one hundred and two dollars.

A trip was made in automobiles to Richmond by these young people. All the interesting places of the capital city were visited.

"On to Washington" was the next move of the grades. This trip also was made in automobiles, thus enabling the pupils to see Fredericksburg, Alexandria, Mt. Vernon, and Arlington on the way. Several days were spent in Washington. They visited the National Museum, the Congressional Library, the Capitol, the White House, Corcoran's Art Gallery, and the Washington Monument. The pupils had the special privilege of seeing both houses of Congress in session and being welcomed by our own Senator Martin, of Virginia.

Examinations only put an end to these activities of the enterprising seventh grade pupils.

We are glad to announce that Hon. John Stewart Bryan, of Richmond, has accepted the invitation to deliver the Commencement address, Friday morning, June 20th.

"The Missile" Staff.

Beginning and Aims of "The Missile."

Starting with all the enthusiasm that is characteristic of old P. H. S., "THE MISSILE" was launched upon its long but successful journey in the year 1912.

Thru the assistance of Miss Hobbs and Mr. Smithey, members of the faculty, with the co-operation of Messrs. Chas. E. Gilliam, Mead Brunet, and Miss Cora Rolfe of the student body, "THE MISSILE" made its first appearance in the above year, with Charles Edgar Gilliam as Editor-in-chief.

The school spirit of the school has been increased over one hundred per cent. in the last six years as the result of this magazine, causing the students to take more pride in their school and school activities.

The literary ability of the students has been illustrated by the excellent work accomplished by "THE MISSILE", this ability surprising the faculty as well as the students themselves. The development of this ability has helped students to a marked degree in their future work in the colleges.

Business experience is given by the managing of the business affairs of the magazine. The Business Managers have undertaken their work with pleasure, feeling assured that they will be compensated for their exacting work when they graduate and enter the commercial field.

The Circulating Managers have been wide-awake students whose good work has resulted in bringing the circulation of the school magazine to five hundred subscribers. Every year witnesses an increase in subscribers.

"THE MISSILE" staffs have also shown their generosity by giving liberally to other organizations of the school

which are in need of financial aid part of their net profits.

After six years of uninterrupted publication "THE MISSILE" was forced by the influenza epidemic to omit one of this term's numbers, but by the enlarged issue of this month we hope this interruption will be overlooked.

May "THE MISSILE" follow its motto—"*En avant.*"

The Literary Societies.

Our Literary Societies have been a source of pride and enjoyment to our students. In the fall of 1913 two societies, named the "John Warwick Daniel" and the "Thomas Nelson Page," were organized with quite a large membership. The students entered these with great enthusiasm and at the end of that year they were found to be a decided success. The oratorical contest at Richmond College was entered that year by several of the members, and Mr. Myer Lavenstein won the gold medal, carrying away first honors.

Since that time members of the society have entered the State Debating Contest, held at the University of Virginia annually, and have made a splendid showing for our school.

The meetings have been very entertaining and home talent has been displayed. That the pupils benefitted by this activity is readily seen, as they bring honors to the schools which they are now attending.

The Orchestra.

The High School Orchestra.

One of the most interesting features of the new High School, and one which has proven to be a splendid success, is the High School Orchestra under the competent leadership of Miss Sara B. Taylor, a graduate of The New England Conservatory of Music, and now Supervisor and Directress of Music in the schools of Petersburg. For several years music has played a minor part in the school life of Petersburg students; it has been one of the most important, yet least considered, branches of education in the schools. The session of 1919-1920 will mark the beginning of a musical foundation, and too much credit cannot be given Miss Taylor for her untiring and serious efforts in the advancement of the students in the art.

The High School Orchestra, which has been in existence for only a short time, is progressing rapidly, and is constantly showing its capabilities in rendering various numbers at the Monday morning assembly and on other acoccasions. There are comparatively few who are participating in the organization, and an increase in membership is indispensable. Everyone should come to the realization that muic is essential, and in order to accelerate musical activities in the High School, each individual is expected to play his part. Rehearsals are held every Monday and Thursday morning, in the auditorium, at 8:30 o'clock. The present members of the orchestra include: Violinists, Margaret Westmoreland, Caroline Baskerville, Katharine Ledford, David Cooper, Morris Schreiber, Andrew Louis, Emanuel Levenson, and Israel Saslawsky. Pianists: Gladys Allen, Sarah Cooper. Drums: Christian Munt. Cornet, Robert Savory.

The Social Club.

The Social Club of the Petersburg High School was organized the first half of last term from the students of the two upper classes. This was the first time in the history of the High School that anything of this nature was attempted by the pupils independent of any help from the teachers.

The matter was put before the classes by Mr. Miller, who showed the possibilities of a social club in increasing the school spirit and in providing pleasure for the students.

The plan was readily accepted by the classes, and each class elected a committee to meet with Mr. Miller to form some plan of action.

A few nights later a social was given in the library. The room was tastefully decorated, each class having a corner of its own. A very enjoyable evening indeed was spent in playing games and dancing.

This year the social club has given but one dance, and that was the cadet ball that was held in the gymnasium. This dance was a very elaborate affair and was largely attended.

The social club should be connected very closely with the High School, the whole purpose of the club being to promote the interest of the students in the school and in each other, and to increase school spirit.

Dramatics.

It has been the practice each year for the senior class to give a play. This dramatic interest in the school is kept up, and sometimes surprising ability of the students in this kind of work is brought out. Previously it has been the practice for both classes to give a separate play,

The Lady Teachers' Restroom.

but last year due to the impossibility to secure a proper hall, no play was given.

A dramatic club will probably be organized next year to take the place of the one which gave such a successful presentation of Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," several years ago.

War time Activities.

While the war was going on, the pupils of the High School, as well as the remainder of the Petersburg citizens, have shared in its activities. The boys ledby giving over four hundred dollars to the Y. M. C. A. Each pupil was called upon for as large a subscription as he felt he could give, and with this money a Liberty Bond was purchased.

During The War Saving and Thrift Stamp Campaign, the pupils still kept up their record. The goal was five thousand dollars, but much to Petersburg's surprise the total amount sold was six thousand. At the same time the Third Liberty Loan was going on, and those who did not buy W. S. S. or Thrift Stamps could buy Liberty Bonds through the High School.

Since this time we have also bought four other Liberty Bonds to be used as best decided by the faculty for the benefit of the school at large. We have also become a Red Cross school and are very proud of the beautiful Red Cross Flag which hangs on the walls of the first floor corridor.

The girls, determined not to be outdone by the boys, joined the Patriotic League and did splendid work, both for the boys "Over There" and those in camp.

Boys' Athletics

BASEBALL SEASON.

After losing the first game of the season by the very close score of 4 to 3 to the Dinwiddie High School, old P. H. S. settled down to some real baseball practice, and under the coaching of Mr. Chadwick, the team developed wonderfully and seemed full of renewed life and "pep" as has been shown in the recent games.

Several of the players deserve special credit for their good work and feature playing in the past games. "Little Jimmy" Blackwell, the team's reliable second baseman, not only fielded an errorless season but also hit the ball hard and has one of the highest batting averages on the team. Pillow, the star third sacker and a heavy hitter, deserves much credit for his excellent work in the John Marshall game, securing three extra base hits out of four trips to the plate. Jessup, the fast center fielder, has also

Baseball Team.

played an errorless season and has done some fine base running. Southpaw Gerow and Clements, our veteran catcher, have played pennant-winning ball, working together so well that only a few bases were stolen and the hits were kept scattered. These special feature players are not the only ones who deserve credit, because, with the exception of an occasional break, the whole team played "air tight" ball.

The games and their scores are as follows:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R.	H.	E.
Chester,	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	4	5
P. H. S.	0	3	2	2	1	0	3	4	*	15	10	2
Camp Lee,	3	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	8	3
P. H. S.	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	6	*	11	15	2
J. M. H. L.	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	7	7	1
P. H. S.	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	6	3
McGuire's,	2	0	0	2	4	0	1	1	4	14	12	4
P. H. S.	1	0	3	0	0	0	2	1	0	7	8	5
Dinwiddie,	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	5	8	10	7
P. H. S.	2	0	1	3	0	0	10	2	0	18	17	0
Disputanta,	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	3	3
P. H. S.	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	2	0	6	7	0
Emporia,	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	6
P. H. S.	1	3	0	2	1	3	3	2	0	15	14	1
B. M. A.	0	1	0	0	0	1	5	8	0	15	10	2
P. H. S.	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	6
B. H. S.	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	2
P. H. S.	0	2	0	2	0	5	2	1	2	14	9	0
McGuire's,	0	1	0	3	2	7	2	0	0	15	8	3
P. H. S.	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	5	7	5
Disputanta,	6	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	10	11	3
P. H. S.	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	4	3	4

Emporia,	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	5	8
P. H. S.	0	3	5	1	2	0	4	9	0	24	14	0
Binford,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	2
P. H. S.	0	3	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	9	8	1

Girls' Athletics

A great deal has been accomplished by the girls' basket-ball team this season. Besides a splendid record of winning nearly all the games, the practices have been a source of benefit and pleasure to the girls, and the proceeds from the games have strengthened the association treasury. More interest has been taken in girls' athletics this year than ever before, and this has helped make the season a successful one.

The influenza epidemic interrupted basket-ball practice in the fall so that no games were scheduled until the spring. But regular practice twice a week was kept up during the winter, and through the efficient coaching of Miss Boillin the team was in good trim for match games. All games played have been won except that with Lynchburg. The scores of the basket-ball games were as follows:

March 28—Petersburg, 17	Lynchburg, 28.
March 29—Petersburg, 13	Collegiate, 13.
April 11—Petersburg, 40	Farmville, 4.
April 12—Petersburg, 27	Lynchburg, 46.
April 16—Petersburg, 26	Farmville, 13.
April 29—Petersburg, 23	Dinwiddie, 17.
May 1—Petersburg, 36	Chester, 15.
May 5—Petersburg, 19	Chester, 17.

The girls who have won their letters this year are K. Smith, R. Young, G. Townsend, D. Seward, D. Rahily, J. Jones, and L. Drewry.

The Girls' Basketball Team.

ALUMNI

The Alumni Notes of this edition do not follow the regular order. Only the best known members of the alumni are mentioned. The records of the graduates for the last thirty years have been scanned, and those of most prominence published.

Mr. Virginius Parham, '88, has remained in our city since his graduation, and has proved a valuable citizen, occupying various positions under the city government.

The celebrities of the 1890 class were mostly feminine. Miss Lannie Scott is Principal of the Jackson School; Miss Mary Malloy is Principal of the Lee School; and Miss Annie Mann is very prominent in the patriotic work of the women of our city.

Miss Maude Hobbs, of the 1891 class, was formerly Principal of the Lee School, and is now General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. work in Norfolk.

The Commissioner of Revenue of Petersburg is Mr. Hugh R. Smith. Mr. Smith finished his high school course in 1892.

Mr. Reinhold Rogers was a professor in the University of Virginia. Later he founded the Jefferson Preparatory School, and now is associated with his brother, Rev. Floyd

Rogers (1896) in conducting the Covington Home for homeless boys. The 1893 class is proud of Mr. Rogers.

Miss Fannie Dunn has attained celebrity as an educator throughout the State. She is now assistant to Dr. Warren Wilson in the Emigrant Bureau of New York City. Miss Dunn graduated in 1895.

Rev. J. Munro B. Gill, also a member of the 1895 class, is an Episcopal missionary to China.

Miss Pattie Percivall graduated in 1896. Miss Percivall was formerly teacher of Mathematics in the High School.

The class of 1897 afforded us three teachers: Miss Mary Peterson at Lee School; Miss Hattie Thomas at the High Schooi; Miss McCandlish at the Old High School.

Mr. John W. Friend is a prominent insurance man in Petersburg. Mr. Friend graduated in 1898.

Again in 1899 several of our teachers graduated. Miss Nannie McI. Cooper, who now teaches science at the High School, Miss Nannie Myers, teacher of the primary class at D. M. Brown School, and Miss Stephenson—who is now Mrs. McCann—taught at the Lee School.

Mr. Reuben Ragland, of the class of 1900, was formerly professor of military tactics at V. M. I. Mr. Ragland is now a lawyer in Jacksonville, Florida.

In 1903 Mr. Junius W. Stephenson graduated. Mr. Stephenson is a child's specialist of New York City.

Miss Ida Butcher is a teacher in the Richmond schools. Miss Butcher finished in 1904.

The Graduating Class.

Miss Ethel Brown is a missionary to Brazil from Washinton Street M. E. Church.

Rev. Joseph Gresham is a Methodist Minister. Both Miss Brown and Mr. Gresham graduated in 1906.

Miss Ethel Winfield is a worker in the Baptist field. Miss Winfield is stationed in Richmond. She graduated in 1907.

Miss Charlotte Gilliam, who completed her high school work in 1909, is now Principal of the high school at Prince George Court-house.

The class of 1910 has the sorrow of losing a member. Maj. Berkley Peebles, an aviator, died of pheumonia in France.

Mr. Clifford Harrison, who also graduated in 1910, is Professor of English at V. P. I.

Miss Mary Hall is teaching at the High School, Miss Odessa Jones at the D. M. Brown, Miss Bessie Calender at the D. M. Brown, and Miss Nellie Hood at the Jackson Scnool. All these young ladies graduated in 1914.

Mr. Samuel Elliott, who graduated in 1915, was killed in France. Mr. Elliott was a great favorite among his classmates, and they mourn his death.

Mr. George Seay, who was at one time a cashier of the Petersburg Savings and Insurance Co., is now governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of the fifth district located in Richmond.

Mr. P. H. Drewry is State Senator from this city. Mr. Drewry is known to all of us as an efficient lawyer.

Mr. Wallace Blanks is cashier of the American Bank and Trust Co.

Mr. Wheary is President of the City Council. Mr. Wheary was a well known member of the High School body.

The United States District Attorney of this district was Mr. R. H. Mann. Mr. Mann has now resigned, and is practicing law once again.

Mr. Irvin Jones, '73, was the first student to be awarded a prize in the Petersburg High School. Mr. Jones died at the age of twenty-one.

Mr. Meyer Lavenstein, formerly of this school, debated recently on the University of Virginia team against the John Hopkins team. The University team was victorious. We are very proud of Mr. Lavenstein.

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